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NGT Directions for Rain water Harvesting
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether NGT has directed Central and State Governments to frame uniform rules and laws in regard to rain water harvesting;
(b) if so, the details thereof and uniform pattern of rules framed regarding rainwater harvesting at all Government buildings and hotels, hospitals, malls and metro-stations etc;
(c) the details of the scheme formulated by the Government for construction of lakhs of ponds in the country to arrest the constantly falling ground water level and conservation of water through rain water harvesting; and
(d) the details regarding laid down procedure, connecting the work repair and development of ponds with MGNREGA and stipulated time limit for the construction of such water bodies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
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(a) & (b) NGT has issued directives to Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA), Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee to fix a uniform procedure, prescribe a format as well as proper design for the rain water harvesting system to be installed by the hotels, hospitals and malls in NCT of Delhi. Standard Design for Rain Water Harvesting has been evolved and placed on websites of DJB and CGWB for the benefit of hotels, hospitals, malls, Group Housing Societies and Government Buildings in NCT of Delhi.
(c) & (d) Special focus is given under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for water conservation and water harvesting structures to augment ground water. During the period of 2012-16, a total of 16,36,355 Water Conservation and Recharge structures including renovation of Traditional Water Bodies have been completed. In addition, priority has been given for construction of farm ponds in the year 2016-17 to harvest rain water. Ministry of Rural Development has kept a target to construct 8,82,325 farm ponds under MGNREGA during the FY 2016-17.

The details regarding the laid-down procedures for the construction of farm ponds, are given as under :
1 . Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has issued suggested drawing and estimate for construction of farm ponds under MGNREGA.
2 . MoRD has imparted training to 260 engineers of State Technical Resource Teams from 31 States and UTs on works under MGNREGA including construction of farm ponds.
3 . MoRD is regularly monitoring and reviewing progress of construction of farm ponds in the Country though Video conference meetings, Performance Review Committee meetings, Monitoring visits and reports on MGNREGA Management Information System.
4 . State Governments have been given freedom to lay-down the procedures to reach the targets of farm pond construction in their States.

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